IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :

Edwin Southern :

Serial No. NEW : Attn: APPLICATION BRANCH

Filed February 6, 2004 : Attorney Docket No. 2004_0200

ANALYSING POLYNUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES (Rule 1.53(b) Divisional of Serial No. 09/422,803, Filed October 22, 1999)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

<u>Prior to calculating the filing fee</u>, please amend the above-identified application as follows: